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SUBJECT: SIX PARTY: HFO TO DPRK AND RAKHMANIN TO BRUSSELS

Classified By: Political M/C Alice. G. Wells. Reasons 1.4 (B/D)

¶1. (C) Oleg Davydov, MFA Korea Desk Senior Counselor and one of the GOR representatives to the Six-Party Talks, told us May 16 that Russia would complete the current tranche of Heavy Fuel Oil (HFO) shipments to North Korea by the end of May. According to Davydov, the GOR has purchased a little over 50,000 tons of HFO in Singapore and Rosneft is delivering it in stages to North Korea -- about 20,000 tons by May 21 and the rest by May 31, with the unloading completed by June 2. Davydov inquired about the U.S.'s plan for the delivery of the next tranche of HFO.

¶2. (C) Ambassador Vladimir Rakhmanin is scheduled to leave the current position as the GOR chairman of the Six-Party Fifth Working Group in early June. His new job: the Deputy to the Secretary General of the Energy Charter Secretariat in Brussels. Rakhmanin told us May 16 that he was committed to the Six-Party Process and felt ambivalent about leaving. He will be replaced by Grigoriy Logvinov, who is currently working in Russia's Beijing Embassy as the political counselor.

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